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SIGNS AND OMENS FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

THE following signs and omens I remember to have heard in my childhood in Nova Scotia. Of the nurses of whom they were obtained, some were of Scotch, others of French descent.

If raindrops stick to the window-pane,
You can be sure it will rain again.
If they run off as fast as they fall,
In an hour it will not rain at all.

A cock crowing three times without flapping his wings denotes three successive days of rain.

Dew on the cobwebs at sunrise will bring rain at sunset.

A dry doorstep in the morning makes a wet one in the evening.

If the ice melts the first of January, it will freeze the first of April.

On seeing the first robin in spring, if you wish before it flies you will get what you desire. If it flies before you wish, you will meet with a misfortune.

If you wish to see your absent lover, the first time you go a-Maying pluck the first flower you see and breathe upon it three times, saying aloud :—

Flower pink, flower white,
I wish to see my love to-night,

and he will be sure to come.

If you wish your sailor lad to think of you during his absence, bury some sea sand in your pansy bed, and water the flowers before the sun shines on them.

Hang two sprigs of evergreen on a wall; name one for your lover and the other for yourself. If they grow together you will marry. If they grow apart you will not.

If a drop of rain falls on a bride, or a tear on a new-born babe, they will go through life weeping.

Never rock an empty cradle unless you wish to be an old maid.

If you turn a loaf of bread top crust downward, some one will starve at sea.

Mrs. C. V. Jamison.

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